UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO: Mr. Wick

DATE: July 13, 1967

FROM: D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM
HAROLD WEISBERG
HYATTSTOWN, MARYLAND
DATED 7/10/67

Tolson
Sullivan
Mohr
Tavel
Casper
Callahan
Conrad
Felt
Gale
Rosen
Sullivan
Tavel
Trotter
Tele. Room
Holmes
Gandy

BACKGROUND:

A letter dated 7/10/67 has been received from the above-captioned individual. Weisberg stated he called the Bureau about a month ago requesting a copy of a press release issued on 11/25/66 to which was attached a letter sent to an unidentified newsman. He indicated to date he has not received the material requested. Weisberg apparently has reference to the Director's press release of 11/25/66, copy attached, which emphasized a newsman has expressed concern over the rash of books, articles and statements "creating confusion and doubts about the validity of the findings of the Warren Commission regarding the assassination of President Kennedy."

BUFILES:

Weisberg is the author of the book entitled "Whitewash--The Report on the Warren Report." Weisberg's book is a vitriolic and diabolical criticism of the President's Commission, the FBI, the Secret Service, police agencies and other branches of the Government relating to the assassination investigation. It contains inaccuracies, falsehoods and deliberate slanting of facts to fit his own purpose. He was one of ten employees fired summarily by the State Department during 1947 because of suspicion of being a communist or having communistic sympathies. Later, he was allowed to resign without prejudice, but he was not restored to his former position. In 1961, Weisberg and his wife filed a claim against the Government under the Federal Tort Claims Act in the amount of $9,950 for damages allegedly sustained in their poultry business as a result of low-flying helicopters. The case was tried, and the court directed judgment in the Weisbergs' favor in the amount of $750.

Our files contain no record of the Coq d'Or Press.

ENCLOSURE

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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OBSERVATIONS:

In view of the above information as well as the tone of his letter, no acknowledgement should be made of the receipt of Weisberg's letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That no acknowledgement be made of Weisberg's letter dated 7/10/67.

JRP